

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
RAILWAYS
LOK SABHA**

UNSTARRED QUESTION NO:584

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COMMISSIONING OF RAILWAY CROSSING POINTS

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Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

- (a) whether the Railways are aware that due to non-availability of crossing points in the Barasat-Hasnabad section of Sealdah Division under Eastern Railway, local trains do take an enormous time to cover only 70 Kms. distance from Hasnabad to Sealdah;
- (b) if so, whether the authorities of the Eastern Railway had written to the Railway Board several times recommending for commissioning of three railway crossing points in that section;
- (c) if so, whether the Railways are taking any steps in this regard;
- (d) if so, the details thereof; and
- (e) if not, the reasons therefor?

Answer

MINISTER OF THE STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS (SHRI R.VELU)

- (a): No, Sir. Speeds of the trains on Barasat- Hasnabad section are comparable to the speeds of suburban trains of any other single line section on Indian Railways.
- (b) to (e) Eastern Railway had proposed through Preliminary Works Programme (PWP) -2005-06 and PWP-2006-2007 for conversion of Halt stations at Madhyampur, Malatipur and Labutala into Crossing/Block stations. The conversion of Halt Stations to crossing stations is not operationally justified.